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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**GRANDVIEW MAN WHO SHOT STATE TROOPER INDICTED
FOR POSSESSING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing Molotov Cocktails. The indictment, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Tommy Ray Rollins, Jr., 26, of Grandview, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Rollins** illegally possessed two fully assembled, home-made Molotov Cocktails on May 28, 2005. The Molotov Cocktails were made from bottles, gasoline and cloth rags. Possessing the Molotov Cocktails was illegal because they were unregistered with the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, Graves said.

Law enforcement officers initially contacted **Rollins** when they attempted to conduct a routine traffic stop on his vehicle on Interstate 470 in Lee's Summit. **Rollins** shot a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper nine times then fled to an area pool hall, where he was ultimately arrested. Investigators later recovered the firearm used in the shooting along with the Molotov Cocktails in a field near 34th Street and Sioux Court in Independence, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Lee's Summit, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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